

Wolvercote Commoners Committee

Newsletter for April 2010.

This year has already been busy for us. Following our AGM we have been involved in discussions regarding school places for Wolvercote children. We arranged and chaired a successful meeting with parents, Michael Waine, Roy Leach, Anna Balance, Gwen Scott head of school governors, and local councillors. At that meeting parents were advised to remain on the continued interest list, whilst lodging a complaint at having been refused a place at the local school. The meeting was positive and parents were promised further news within the Easter holidays, much sooner than normal. WCC has agreed to hold a public meeting later in the year to discuss future implications regarding admissions to Wolvercote School.

The broken fence to Wolvercote Common at the bottom of the railway bridge – We are totally dissatisfied with the lack of progress on this matter and are now taking it through the Council's Complaints Policy. We are also copying this complaint to our local councillors.

We are also making a complaint to Southern Gas regarding their use of Wolvercote Green for recent works without permission.

Northern Gateway – We continue to press for wider consultation now that Inspector Pratt has decided to go ahead with the current Core Strategy plans. A consultation period is set for 9th April until 21st May, yet surprisingly no consultation had been publicised as of 9th April.

The Old Paper Mill Site/Flooding – *We are again seeking confirmation regarding responsibility for the operation of sluices.*

We have agreed to supply copies of our Anniversary Brochure to the Bodleian and City Libraries and Wolvercote School. We have a few copies left which will be available for newcomers.

Flying Goose – we are pleased to have been invited to make regular contributions starting with the summer edition.

Dates for your diary:

WCC is to host a public consultation at Wolvercote Baptist Church on Friday 30th April from 3.30pm – 6.00pm. The meeting will give everyone a chance to meet the main contractor that Oxford City Council has appointed to revamp play-areas in upper and lower Wolvercote. It will give residents the opportunity to see some of the ideas put forward so far and some of the play equipment proposed, whilst also giving the opportunity to input ideas for equipment and use of the play areas.

ENGAGE is holding May Day celebrations in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st May – watch notice boards for further information.

Oxford Preservation Trust, the new owners of Viv Kirk's lake, invite residents to an open afternoon on Monday 3rd May, 2 - 4 pm.